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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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MEDIA RECORDING)	
PERFORMANCE USING ION)	Atty Dkt: ARC920030091US1
RADIATION TO TAILOR)	
EXCHANGE COUPLING)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Confirmation No. 7410) mailed February 21, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, that is, the invention of claims 1-16 and 23-29, and withdraw the invention of Group II, that is, the invention of claims 17-22, from consideration.

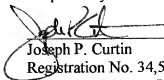
Additionally, Applicants elect the species shown in Figures 1-8 and described from paragraph 21 through paragraph 33. The claims encompassing the elected species are the claims of Group I.

A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit Deposit Account No. 09-0441 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18.

Applicants look forward to prosecution on the merits and respectfully requests that an application be passed to issue with claims 1-16 and 23-29.

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Respectfully submitted,

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